

PLAN BOOM YEAR IN TORRANCE

Bank Of Italy Begins Work On New Building Here

GROUND IS BROKEN HERE

Work Progresses Rapidly at Corner of Marcelina and Sartori

DESIGN TO BE ARTISTIC Edifice Reflects Confidence of Institution in Future of Torrance

Work is progressing rapidly on the new bank and store building of the Bank of Italy at the corner of Sartori and Marcelina avenues.

The interior of the banking offices will be attractively decorated.

According to the building permit the building will cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000.

The world's largest aggregation of banking capital, possessed by a single financial group, either in the United States or any foreign country, will be assembled by the stockholders of the Bank of Italy organizations, according to plans announced yesterday.

A total capital investment of approximately \$50,000,000 and with a market value in excess of one billion dollars, will be represented by the three institutions—Bank of Italy, National Bank Italy Company and Bancitaly Corporation.

The stockholders of Bank of Italy and of National Bank Italy Company are identical. The two institutions being owned share for share by the same individuals, and the ownership evidenced by one certificate.

In perfecting the capital structure contemplated under the present program, the board of directors of the Bank of Italy and National Bank Italy Company authorized a \$50,000,000 increase in the present capitalization.

Stockholders of record November 12, will have the right to subscribe to the new issue, on the basis of one share for each share then owned.

Observations

A Defense of Divorce—What Is Right and Who Knows?—Suffrage, Prohibition and Brothels—Two Sides to Every Question By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

EVERY time anyone views with alarm he usually stresses the divorce evil. And it strikes us that this is one evil about which there may be altogether too much to do.

Of course we are not among those easy going liberals who believe that divorce should be made too easy. Neither are we among those sublime optimists who think that there is no cause for anxiety on account of the annually increasing divorce lists.

WE much prefer a middle of the road view of this divorce business to the sidewise slant from either side. In barbarous days when each man had a whole flock of wives, he could, whenever one of them became nagging or unbearable, lock her up in her room and flee to the comforts of another.

NOW civilization has quite wisely decreed that monogamy is moral and that pluralism should not rule in the marital relationship. Wherefore marriage often becomes a drab affair, in which the constant contact breeds undue familiarity and familiarity in turn breeds contempt.

THE position of a moral man or woman, whose deportment and conduct is dictated by the moral code of civilization and Christendom but who nevertheless is strapped to a mate who bores him or her to death is one which strikes our sympathies to their depths.

After all marriage is largely a lottery, and those who draw blanks should be left a simple and effective means of dodging a lifetime of unhappiness brought on by a stroke of ill luck helped along by moonlight and soft music over the lake.

WE know a number of married couples who would be far better divorced. We know some whose children would be better off if the mother and father separated. The advantages accruing to a child of an incompatible union must be offset in many cases by the disadvantages which are heaped upon him.

MEANTIME the very conditions which militate against early and rapid-fire marriages are rearing another problem—and one which should give us more worry than the one concerning divorce.

PEOPLE have not changed. Lads and maids of today are stirred by the same passions which quickened the heartbeats of their forebears. But their forebears married young. Mortals are the same. Only conditions have changed—and will change again.

WE were going to drive the people of the United States into a white realm of moral rectitude by giving the women the vote. But there are more blind pigs in large American cities today than crimson women from the brothels and sent into the apartment houses.

AN individual who sees both sides of these matters is destined for much disquiet approaching unhappiness. Much more contented is he who believes firmly in some great movement, for action against the burning fervor of the advocate hurl himself into the crusaders—if he is on the other—if he is on that side—or against the crusaders—if he is on the other—and get a deal of wholesome satisfaction out of the knowledge that he is battling for a high cause.

There are even a large number of sensible men who acquiesce in the belief that the elimination of the old red light district was a visible example to girls of the calamity which befalls her who follows the primrose path where burn the hot fires of sex—

And having gotten all that off our editorial chest we feel better—and don't quite know whether we are right or wrong.

BIG BLAZE IN TOWN TONIGHT

Dingville Boys Will Try to Put Out Fire; They May Fail

STAGE DEMONSTRATION

Volunteers Will Show Public How City Apparatus Works

The Dingville boys will try to put out a fire which will be touched off mysteriously on a vacant lot near El Prado and Sartori.

The women will give an exhibition of ladder running, hose running, bucket work and life saving.

Wednesday afternoon a parade attracted hundreds of witnesses. City officials, policemen and members of the council led the march.

The Kiwanis Club car urged the public to "Help prevent fires."

The Mineral Wool Products Company presented a float showing a house insulated with the company's product.

The Torrance Brick Company entered a float of bricks in which a fire was burning.

The Torrance theatre urged people to take pride in their local fire department.

The Kern Creamery entered two trucks decorated with flags.

Link Torrance by Phone With Santa Fe Camp

Direct telephone connection between the Chanlor-Catfield Midway Oil company's camp and Torrance will be hooked up within a few days.

R. N. McMaster, C. C. M. O. engineer has energetically carried on the negotiations for the Torrance connection. He persuaded the two companies to meet and discuss the proposal and induced the State Railroad Commission to adjust rates.

Will You Help Honor Men Who Died for the Country?

A brief, but appropriate and fervent observance of Armistice Day will be conducted in Torrance on Friday, Nov. 11 by the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion.

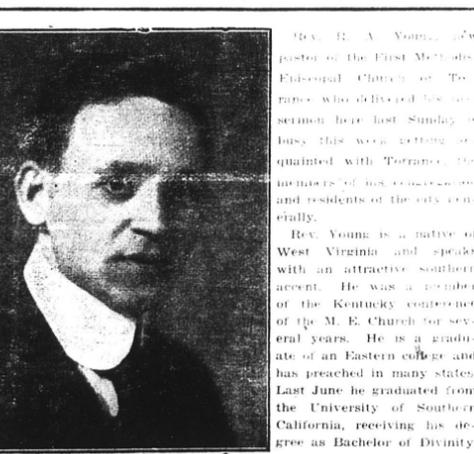
Women's Club Will Hold Meeting for Benefit of the Community

"Put Unity in Community" will be the topic upon which Mrs. Grace V. Hudson, district chairman of community service, will talk at the meeting of the Women's Club Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 19.

The following heads of various women's organizations will be guests: Mrs. Carl Hyde, president.

The work has been packed with events of fire prevention significance. Speakers have addressed clubs and the schools.

New Pastor of M. E. Church



Rev. R. A. Young, new pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Torrance, who delivered his first sermon here last Sunday is busy this week getting acquainted with Torrance.

Breaks of Game Defeat Local Gridders; Narbonne Foe Friday

Displaying an aggressiveness and a natural football instinct never before demonstrated by a Torrance High School football team, Coach Mitchell's men met with the misfortune of three bad breaks last Friday and lost to Jacob Riis high by a score of 10 to 0.

Will Build Two New Flats Here

The Union Financing Construction Company announced today that it will construct two new flat buildings at the corner of Portola and Sartori avenues.

FUND WILL PROMOTE GROWTH

Council and C. of C. Arrange Budget to Boost for Progress

YEAR'S PLANS ARE LAID

Tax Money Will Be Expended for Advertising and Industry Work

The City Council and the Chamber of Commerce joined hands Monday night in arranging a "boom budget" of \$16,300 to promote Torrance commercially, industrially and residentially, and to set in motion the most powerful machinery for Torrance progress and growth that this city has ever known.

The budget reveals that of the \$16,300 which will be available for civic promotion and advertising here only about 45 percent will be expended in overhead. Most Chambers of Commerce expend between 50 and 55 percent for overhead.

Hyde Tells of Items In explaining the major items Carl L. Hyde, secretary of the Chamber pointed out that the advertising campaign which Torrance carried out in Los Angeles papers was directly responsible for \$249,000 worth of new building in Torrance.

The Eberle and Riggelman consulting service has been used by the Chamber of Commerce constantly and is regarded by directors of that organization as extremely essential.

To Boom Industries The industrial promotion fund will be used to pay the costs of direct contact with industries seeking new locations and for paying for such events as the welcome which Torrance gave to the Columbia Steel Corporation on the occasion of the opening of its sheet mill here.

During the next year Mr. Hyde expects to spend most of his time outside of Torrance making direct contact with industries which are seeking new locations.

In discussing the budget with the Council Mr. Hyde pointed out that 42 percent of the total assessed value of the city is to be used for direct contact with industries.

When it is realized that the work of the Chamber of Commerce staff is largely confined to the direction of activities which the promotion fund will finance, even the overhead cannot be regarded as non-productive.

Mercedes Giletz is a typist. She takes dictation in a London office. Her hobby is swimming. Seven times she braved the cold waters of the English channel in an endeavor to cross. Seven times she failed. On Oct. 7 she tried again. She succeeded. The water is much colder early in October than during the seasons when other swimmers have accomplished the feat. Mercedes Giletz is back at her typewriter—happy.

In Appleton, Wisconsin many residents earn their livings by working in a paper mill. While operations were under way on Oct. 6 the floors of the wall creaked. Employees paid little attention. With a crash the floors and walls caved in, crumbled. Six dead bodies were recovered from under the debris. A score were injured.

H. G. Wells, whose opinions shake intelligent circles all over the world has frequently written acknowledgments of the help which Mrs. Wells has given him in research and the typing of manuscripts. Mrs. Wells and her noted husband worked diligently, happily together for years. She died this week.

Political news from Washington sources sets forth that the two strongest candidates for the Republican nomination for President are Herbert Hoover and Vice-President Charles G. Dawes.

All Brussels waited with bated breath. Princess Astrid, beautiful spouse of Crown Prince Leopold of Belgium was in labor. Devout Belgians prayed for a grandson for their beloved King Albert. Thus would the succession have been assured. A daughter was born. Belgians covered their disappointment in a celebration, anyway. Princess Astrid is niece of the King of Sweden.

Revolutionist Gomez, candidate for President of Mexico against Gen. Obregon favorite of President Calles started observers with the statement that Gen. Serrano who was executed by federal troops did not start a revolution; that he himself was not revolting; that President Calles sent out news of a revolt so that he would have justification in killing off Obregon's two foremost opponents. Serrano is dead. Gomez lives. The Mexican middle has quieted down somewhat, but still simmers ominously.

When Eamonn DeValera took the oath of allegiance and with his party accepted seats in the Irish Dail Eireann, he confidently expected to head the Irish Government of the Irish Republic. Cosgrave dissolved the Dail, playing for time. On Oct. 10 the Dail met again. Cosgrave, hated by the radical DeValera was re-elected president by a narrow margin of six votes.

Since the country was rocked by the oil scandal of the Harding administration Harry Sinclair, picturesque petroleum magnate has been fighting with a host of expert lawyers in a dozen courts to retain his lease of the naval oil reserve at Teapot Dome. On Oct. 9 the Supreme Court of the United States cancelled the lease. The highest court in the country found that the lease and agreement by which the reserve passed to Sinclair's hands were "made fraudulently by means of collusion and conspiracy" between Sinclair and Albert Fall, then secretary of the interior. Fall and Sinclair will be tried on criminal charges next Monday in Federal Court, District of Columbia.

The Mississippi Supreme Court has handed down a ruling barring Chinese children from attending white schools in that state.

Owners of land on Falcon Island, South Seas—if there are any such owners—are griefful. Falcon Island is temperamental. It dives into the sea, stays down, bobs up again. It is now up, and its volcano is spouting and erupting like a good fellow. The island was first thrown up above the level of the sea in 1855. A few years later it disappeared, then rose again, then once more submerged. Real estate men do not thrive on Falcon island.

Girls who work in Buckingham Palace whispered angrily. The servants quarters in the home of the British family buzzed. King George had exercised his royal prerogative and issued a rule that bobbed hair will no longer be allowed in the palace. Those who have trimmed (Continued on Last Page)

A real plan service. Consolidated Lumber Co.—Adv.

Advertisement for Bill Barber, a real plan service. Includes a cartoon character and the text 'BILL THE BARBER SAYS' and 'WONDER WHAT MORALS SUPERVISORS WILL DO IN HEAVEN.'